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REMARKS

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1. Prior to June 1952, no Rumanian troops were stationed at Lugoj (R 25/U 50). Nor was a Soviet transport office in the railway area. When the Rumanian units separately returned in several detachments from the 1951 fall maneuvers, one unit equipped with 12 to 16 pneumatic-tired AT guns of 40 to 50-mm towed by two-horse teams and one artillery unit of about 12 guns equipped with solid tires and towed partly by four-horse teams and partly by six-horse teams. He estimated the size of these guns towed by six-horse teams at 150-mm. In late 1951, four Soviet-made tanks, which were painted gray green, and mounted guns of about 75-mm with 25X1 barrels projecting about 0.5 meter beyond their noses. They were on practice drives in the area southwest of the city, in the vicinity of the Musong brickyard. Occasionally, an open armored vehicle with these tanks, whose crews wore 25X1 Rumanian standard army uniforms. the tanks were stationed at barracks installations at the railroad station. not specify the location of the quarters of the artillery and the AT unit. 25X1

2. It was common knowledge that the former Artillery Barracks on the road to Caransebes (R 25/Z 76), near the railroad bridge over the Timisul River, was occupied by non-motorized Rumanian troops. Rumanian border guard troops were observed in the former Cavalry Barracks northeast of the city, on the south side of the road to Faget, which was located 28 km northeast of Lugoj. Low wooden buildings surrounded the old barracks building. Detachments of up to 15 border guard soldiers who carried field packs and rifles were frequently seen marching from this installation to the railroad station. The border guard troops held practices on the southern edge of the airfield and in the hilly terrain north of the Catholic chapel. In early June 1952, a military cantonment, from which soldiers with pneumatic boats came to the Timisul River, was southeast of the city, on the east bank of the river, about 1 km upstream from the swimming place on the west bank. Extensive construction work was done at a site north of the city, on the east side of the road to Timisoara (R 16/T 91), opposite the slaughterhouse. not know whether new barracks installations or settlement apartments were under construction at this site. 25X1

3. no tactical headquarters or command agency in a separate building. However, a headquarters for military labor battalions, whose staff included Major Margaritescu, (fnu), a former Rumanian cavalry officer side-tracked by the army, was stationed at the post. no billets of military labor units in the post area. 25X1

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- 25X1 4. Prior to June 1952, no security troops quartered in barracks were stationed at Lugo. The former women's school in the city sector west of the Timisul River quartered a militia school of 300 to 400 men, who were at least 25-year-old veterans. Their training focussed on Marxist - Leninist indoctrination and included only limited military training. [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] no guerilla-fighting in the hilly terrain south of Lugo between late 1949 and his departure.
5. A supply depot, which was guarded by troops, was in a small woods about 2 km northwest of the railroad station. Horse-drawn army vehicles were frequently in the installation which, local residents said, was an ammunition depot.
- 25X1 6. In May 1952, [REDACTED] the area around the 1800-meter-high Muntele Mic (R 25/Z 96) Peak was cordoned off by troops. In the summer of 1951, an air force detachment was on this mountain. At that time, members of a labor battalion were observed doing road construction work in the area 3 or 4 km east of Borlowa (R 25/Z 86).

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